

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, below the title and above "TECHNICAL FIELD, please insert the following new paragraph:

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Please replace the paragraph starting at page 1, last line through page 3, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

An object of the present invention is to provide a surface protective sheet that demonstrates little increases in adhesive strength after heating or the passage of time, has satisfactory adhesion properties to and peel properties from an adherend, and can be produced by extrusion coating (hot melt coating).

(1) The present invention relates to a surface protective sheet having a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer on at least one side of a substrate; wherein, the pressure-sensitive adhesive comprises 100 parts by weight of a styrene-isobutylene block copolymer, and 0 to 300 parts by weight of a softening agent and 0 to less than 20 parts by weight of a tackifying resin, based on 100 parts by weight of the styrene-isobutylene block copolymer.

(2) The present invention relates to a surface protective sheet having a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer on at least one side of a substrate; wherein, the pressure-sensitive adhesive comprises 100 parts by weight of a thermoplastic elastomer composed of a styrene-isobutylene block copolymer and a styrene block copolymer or a styrene random copolymer other than the styrene-isobutylene block copolymer, and 0 to 300 parts by weight of a softening agent and 0 to less than 20 parts by weight of a tackifying resin, based on 100 parts by weight the thermoplastic elastomer.

(3) The present invention relates to a surface protective sheet according to (2) wherein the styrene-isobutylene block copolymer and the styrene copolymer other than the styrene-isobutylene block copolymer are comprised at a weight ratio of 100:0 to 50:50.

(4) The present invention relates to a surface protective sheet according to any one of (1) to (3) wherein the melt flow rate of the pressure-sensitive adhesive is 0.5 to 300 g/10 min at 190°C and 2.16 kg.

(5) The present invention relates to a surface protective sheet according to any one of (1) to (4) wherein the tackifying resin is composed of a hydrogenated rosin ester resin.

(6) The present invention relates to a surface protective sheet according to any one of (1) to (5) wherein the softening agent is at least one selected from the group consisting of oil, paraffin wax, low molecular weight polybutene, low molecular weight polyisoprene, low molecular weight polyisobutylene and low molecular weight poly- α -olefin.

(7) The present invention relates to a surface protective sheet according to any one of (1) to (6) wherein at least one selected from the group consisting of an antioxidant, ultraviolet absorber, ultraviolet stabilizer (HALS), antistatic agent and lubricant is comprised in the pressure-sensitive adhesive.

(8) The present invention relates to a surface protective sheet according to any one of (1) to (7) wherein the ultraviolet transmission of the substrate is 1% or less.